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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING RESPONSE (TBILISI 167)

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¶1. (U) This cable responds to the action request in reftel requesting human rights vetting for the candidate nominated to attend the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA MARCH 6-19, 2010.

¶2. (SBU) The Department of State has vetted the individual listed in reftel and possesses no credible derogatory information as of 02/19/2010. Post is authorized to include the following individual in USG-funded training:

NAME: SAMKHARADZE, SHOTA;
TITLE: Deputy of Defense Planning, Programming and Budgeting Section, Civilian;
ORGANIZATION: Ministry of Defense of Georgia;
SEX: Male;
DATE OF BIRTH: September 9, 1981;
PLACE OF BIRTH: Oni, Georgia;
NATIONALITY: Georgian;
PASSPORT NUMBER: 1507728;
PASSPORT EXPIRATION DATE: February 7, 2015;
TYPE OF TRAINING: Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA;
DATES OF TRAINING: March 6-19, 2010

¶3. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individual identified above, as of 02/19/2010. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. (SBU) Note that if Post subsequently becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individual listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with training. Post should refer to the Leahy Vetting guidance manual for additional assistance.
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